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Enclosed please find my questionnaire. It was a fantastic conference. I learned a lot and had a wonderful time.

Please consider me for a Center Fellow position for next year's symposium. I would welcome the opportunity to participate again. I will try to have my recommendations sent to the Center as soon as possible.

Thanks for a splendid conference. I look forward to future Center events.

Sincerely,

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EVALUATION

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

PLEASE RETURN NOT LATER THAN APRIL 20, 1982

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1. How should the student participants be chosen? What are the optimum number and qualifications of the participants?

I think that the participants should be chosen by their schools on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated interest in public affairs, and, perhaps, an essay on the symposium topic.

The symposium might be more effective if there were fewer students, say 200, but it is also important that a wide range of students be allowed to participate.

2. Educational materials: How can these make the symposium more meaningful? Study Guides? Presidential Studies Quarterly? Reprints? Magazines? Books?

A study guide, which includes a variety of articles on the symposium topic, would be a great help.

3. Time and place of the symposium: Please evaluate the Hyatt Regency Hotel, both in terms of locations and services. Also, the optional activity day, including the White House, Capitol, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials tour.

The Hyatt Regency was fantastic. You couldn't have a better location, and the staff was very helpful. A perfect center for the symposium!

I was not in town for the optional activity day.

4. Please evaluate the addresses by Senator John G. Tower, General David C. Jones, Congressmen Lee H. Hamilton and Richard C. Bolling, and Director William J. Casey.

The addresses were all informative, provocative and interesting. Although I didn't agree with much of what the speakers had to say, it was stimulating to see such divergent viewpoints presented. I was particularly impressed by Gen. Jones, who was an articulate spokesman for a more effective U.S. defense posture. He presented his argument in a cogent and rational manner. Reps. Hamilton and Bolling were also excellent spokesmen.

One suggestion - Perhaps you could have microphones set up in various spots throughout the hall and have students line up to present their questions. It might be more orderly, and everyone could hear the questions.

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5. Please evaluate the two Discussion Group sessions, the Saturday afternoon session, and the concluding Sunday morning Round Table. Bearing in mind your evaluation of the quality of the Round Table participants and the speakers and the difficulty of extending the total time of the symposium, would you suggest cutting down the number of speakers (and commentaries) in order to increase the discussion groups?

The discussion groups were very interesting in that they gave all the students a chance to participate and probe into points of interest more deeply. But, the speakers in the main sessions were of such high caliber that I think it would be a shame to cut down on the number of speakers for more discussion sections. It isn't often that a college student has the opportunity to listen to a Senator, the Chairman of the JCS, two Representatives, and the Director of the CIA in one weekend!!

6. Follow-up. As a follow-up on the Conference, how can the experience be made most meaningful, particularly on your respective college campuses, in your home communities, and with representatives of the Canadian and United States governments, business and the professions such as those who participated in the Symposium?

I would appreciate it if the discussion material was handed out a little earlier so that all of the students could be adequately prepared.

It might also be a good idea if the Center could sponsor a variety of "mini-symposiums" and seminars at college campuses across the country.

7. General Comments:

I had a great time! Keep up the good work!

8. Would you like to become a Center Member and participate in future Center Programs?

Yes, but at the present time my finances are extremely limited. I will probably be joining this summer after I start working.

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